



Daily Reflections

May 20, 2019

Scripture

John 14: 21-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him,

"Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?"

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him,

and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine

but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you.

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit

whom the Father will send in my name

he will teach you everything

and remind you of all that I told you."

Our Scripture Reflection

There is truly no greater action we can carry out in this life than to love another person in the manner that Jesus first loved us: sacrificial and unconditionally. To do so not only brings glory and honor to Jesus but it reveals to others how much Jesus loves them through us. What a Gift!

Food for your Journey

When Ira Gillett, missionary to East Africa, returned home to report on his activities overseas, he related an interesting phenomenon. Repeatedly, Gillett had noticed how groups of Africans would walk past government hospitals and travel many extra miles to receive medical treatment at the missionary compound.

Finally, he asked a particular group why they walked the extra distance when the same treatments were available at the government clinics.

The reply: "The medicines may be the same but the hands are different."

That's the virtue of love incarnated. That kind of love makes a difference. Christ has no hands, but our hands; no feet, but our feet. We are his ambassadors, representing him to the world. And when we love as he loved us, it will make the difference. People will notice. Christian love is indispensable.

--Rick Ezell, "How to show love and respect to others," lifeway.com. Retrieved November 6, 2015.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, There is so much violence, hatred and indifference in our world. Sometimes the magnitude of it all leaves me wondering how I could possibly make a difference. It's then that I must remember that with Your Grace all things are possible. Help me to show Your love to just one person today. In so doing may that one person come to know You and may my action make a difference in their life. Amen